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Dwight D. Eisenhower

Our Past In Archives:

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Ike Feared Soviet Nukes

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's frustrations over inadequate intelligence about the Soviet nuclear threat during the 1950s led him to order a major increase in risky spying missions, with the use of overflights and satellite photos, according to a new article.

The article, "Ike and His Spies in the Sky," appears in the Winter issue of *Prologue*, the quarterly publication of the National Archives and Records Administration.

"It was important to pierce the Soviets' curtain of secrecy, but information about their military capabilities was proving elusive to the techniques of traditional espionage," writes David Haight, a former archivist at the Eisenhower

Laguna Niguel Records Management Staff Moves to New Office - But Call Us on Our Cell Phones!

Our records management program staff has moved upstairs in the Chet Holifield Federal Building. But due to circumstances beyond our control, we still do not have regular phone service.

Until further notice, please call us on our cell phones:
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Presidential Library in Abilene, KS, in describing the source of Eisenhower's frustration at not being able to get adequate information about the Soviet arsenal.

Eisenhower thus ordered more flights by spy planes and, later, the use of satellites. His efforts suffered a major setback after the U-2 spy plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers was shot down by the Russians in 1960.

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NARA Issues FAQs on Cloud Computing

NARA has published "Frequently Asked Questions About Managing Federal Records in Cloud Computing Environments." It provides a basic overview of cloud computing, its benefits and concerns, and records management implications that agencies will need to consider when implementing cloud computing services. NARA intends to issue a more comprehensive bulletin on this topic by the end of the fiscal year.

The Obama Administration is encouraging Federal agencies to

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adopt cloud-based solutions for a wide range of activities. Many of the recent Government 2.0 initiatives, including Data.gov, use cloud computing services. Cloud computing is a technology that allows users to access and use shared data and computing services without having to build infrastructure to support these resources within their own environments or networks.

There are a number of benefits and concerns associated with implementing cloud computing services. Some of the benefits include cost savings, enhanced collaboration, flexibility to procure resources on demand, and ability to outsource. Some common concerns are security and privacy of information, ownership and control of data and infrastructure, and difficulty moving data out of cloud environments into other systems.

Agencies using cloud computing services should also be aware that many cloud applications do not include records management functions or considerations, and therefore may not meet all of the NARA regulations which require that agencies keep records in a way that maintains their functionality and integrity throughout the records life cycle, transfer their permanent records to NARA or delete temporary records according to NARA-approved retention schedules, and many other requirements.

Some vendors are beginning to produce records management applications that can be integrated with cloud computing services. These applications may alleviate some of the problems listed above. Agencies are responsible for complying with records management regulations wherever records are created and stored.

For the full FAQ document, go to <http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/faqs/cloud.html>.

San Francisco E-Discovery Panel a Hit

Over sixty government attorneys, records managers, and others attended a panel discussion on electronic discovery at the U.S. District Court in San Francisco on February 25. Speakers, all practicing experts in this field, included Jason Baron, of the NARA General Counsel's office, Batya Swenson, a partner in San Francisco firm Hanson Bridgett, and Chris Sullivan of McGrane Greenfield, also of San Francisco.

Baron, whose talk was entitled "It's 2010: Do You Know Where Your Federal Records Are (And What To Do With Them)?" discussed the legal and regulatory framework of e-discovery, including the Open Government initiative of the Obama Administration, FOIA, the e-Government Act, many others, and how technologies such as email, Web 2.0, and cloud computing have



Jason Baron elucidates a point.

affected the situation. Swenson discussed litigation holds, including preservation triggers, litigation hold implementation, the litigation hold notice, and monitoring compliance. Sullivan used the *Zubulake v. UBS Warburg* case and the Federal Rules of Procedure to show that parties must ensure that relevant records are preserved from the time that litigation can be reasonably anticipated and that failure to do so will inevitably lead the courts to rule that "spoliation" has occurred.

The speakers were well-received and there was a lengthy (and lively) discussion following the presentations.

Records Schedules Are Now Online

The National Archives and Records Administration recently unveiled a new portal on its web site providing access to scanned images of Federal agency records schedules (SF 115) since 1985. For the first time, these records can be seen at <http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs/>

The portal will provide Federal agencies easy access to all National Archives-approved schedules for research and analysis associated with their agencies' records scheduling efforts."

By statute, the Archivist of the United States grants Federal agencies the

legal authority to carry out disposition actions concerning their records. These authorities are documented for action through a Standard Form (SF) 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority, also referred to as "records schedule."

FRC Digital Imaging Program

The Riverside FRC's Digital Imaging Staff produces digital copies of temporary records to make customer agency operations more efficient. For more information, contact

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Records Management Training, April-September, 2010

To register go to archives.gov/records-mgmt/training/ or email our training registrar at laguna.workshops@nara.gov

Basic Records Operations

May 24, 2010, Phoenix, AZ
August 4, 2010, San Francisco, CA

Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)

August 3-4, 2010, San Diego, CA

Records Scheduling (KA3)

May 11-12, 2010, Sacramento, CA
August 5-6, 2010, San Diego, CA

Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)

July 7-8, 2010, Sacramento, CA
August 30-31, 2010, San Diego, CA

Asset and Risk Management (KA5)

July 20-21, 2010, Sacramento, CA
September 1-2, 2010, San Diego, CA

Records Management Program Development (KA6)

August 17, 2010, Sacramento, CA
September 3, 2010, San Diego, CA

Emergency Planning and Response for Vital Records and Essential Information

May 25-26, 2010, Phoenix, AZ

Electronic Records Management

April 6-7, 2010, Sacramento, CA
May 27-28, 2010, Phoenix, AZ

Advanced Electronic Records Management

May 5-6, 2010, San Francisco, CA

FREE! Recordkeeping for Program Managers

(half day) August 5, 2010, San Francisco, CA

FREE! Survival Guide for IT Professionals:

Information Assurance and Records Management

(half day) April 8, 2010, Sacramento, CA

RECORDS TRANSFER, REFERENCE, and DIGITAL CAPTURE SERVICES WORKSHOPS

These **FREE** full-day Federal Records Center Program workshops teach you:

to transfer non-current records to your Federal Records Center; make a request for reference services; use ARCIS, the new Federal Records Center portal; and use the FRC's new scanning service.

All classes held at the Riverside Federal Records Center, 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Dates:

April 27, 2010 May 18, 2010 June 8, 2010

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